

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has estimated that \$76 million more is needed to see that the WIC program through the end of the fiscal year is appropriated. Otherwise, the WIC rolls would be cut by as many as 360,000 participants.

WIC improves diet. It reduces low birth weight. It reduces infant mortality. The program works. It delivers on its promises.

I am glad that we have been able to deliver on ours. I want to thank my colleagues who worked so diligently in succeeding in getting that job done.

IN SUPPORT OF TAX CUTS

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, the average American today pays about 40 percent of his or her income in taxes when we count taxes of all types, Federal, State and local. Then the average person pays another 10 percent in regulatory costs passed on to them in the form of higher prices. This is why today the average family has one spouse working for the government and one spouse working for the family. Many people do not realize how much they are paying, about half of their income going to support the government.

Today we are proposing in our budget an \$85 billion tax cut. Some people have implied that this tax cut is just too much, yet this cut is spread over a 7-year period. During that time period, this amounts to a tax cut of less than 1 percent per year. I know we can afford this. The Federal Government wastes far more than 1 percent each year.

I urge my colleagues to support this very needed tax relief for the families of America, a large part of which is a \$500 per child tax credit. Let us support the families of America instead of wasting more through our Federal bureaucracy.

THREAT OF DEPORTATION

(Mrs. LOWEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss an issue that is affecting many of my constituents on a very personal level. A number of Irish nationals living in my district in New York and elsewhere have been unfairly targeted for deportation. Many of my colleagues and I have sent letters to President Clinton, Attorney General Reno and other United States and British officials raising this issue and calling for justice for these members of our community.

Most of the individuals who are facing deportation have established their lives here. They are married to American citizens, have American children and have been productive members of their communities for many years.

The threat of deportation has taken an enormous emotional and financial toll on these families every day. They wake up to the possibility that the lives they have worked so hard for will be shattered by deportation. We must demand that these families are treated fairly. They deserve at least that much.

AGAINST DEPORTATION

(Mr. WALSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of my colleague from New York, Mrs. LOWEY, and other Members and as chairman of the Friends of Ireland to speak out strongly against the Justice Department's decision to appeal the decision of a court and to attempt to deport a citizen of the United States currently back to Northern Ireland. These men, and there are a number of them, served time in prison in Northern Ireland. Many of them are trumped-up charges and very questionable judicial processes.

They came to the United States, married, raised their kids and have become excellent and productive citizens of the country. Now they may be forced to return and, if they do, they are marked men in Northern Ireland. It would be wrong to send them back where they and their families would be subjected, again, to possible injustice and physical harm.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing their dissent from the Justice Department.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of my 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

MESSAGE TO THE INS

(Mr. SCHUMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning on behalf of Brian Pearson. For the last 9 years Brian has lived in Pearl River, NY, in Rockland County working construction, being a loyal husband, raising a daughter, paying his taxes and taking part in his community.

In short, Brian Pearson has lived the American dream. And now the INS wants to snatch that dream from Brian and his family. Why? Because Brian was a political prisoner two decades ago. Yes, a political prisoner. And

those are not my words. Those are the words of the British Government, the same British Government that convicted him in a kangaroo court with no injury. Brian Pearson paid his debt to the British Government. Brian Pearson is no threat to us. In fact, Brian Pearson makes Pearl River a better town, New York a better State, and America a better country. Do not trust my words on this. Trust the words of Mary Gill and Kathleen Conway and Cornelius Buckey, his friends and neighbors who have written to me asking for justice.

So this morning, Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I say to the INS, Brian Pearson's case and at least six other cases like his are just ones. Keep the Pearson family together and leave Brian Pearson alone.

TAX CUTS FOR WORKING FAMILIES

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, like many of my colleagues, I go back to my district every weekend. Since there is a lot more common sense, in my view, in Cincinnati than there is here in Washington, I try to listen to as many people as possible when I am back home.

The one question that keeps coming my way is this: "Why can't you folks in Washington cut our taxes?" That is a question they have got every right to ask us. It is their hard-earned money that comes to Washington every year in bigger and bigger chunks. The Government keeps getting bigger, and Federal programs up here grow and grow and that money comes right out of the paychecks of hard-working people in my district in Cincinnati.

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Well, Mr. Speaker, I am with them. I am one of those Congressmen who is going to work very hard in the next few weeks to see that any budget agreement considered by this House contains serious tax cuts for the working families in Cincinnati and all around the country.

We have a golden opportunity to let the people of this country keep more of the hard earned money that they make and they send up here to Washington. For the people's sake, let us not blow it this time, let us cut taxes on people all over this great Nation.

ADMINISTRATION SHOULD KEEP PLEDGE OF NO MORE JOE DOHERTY'S

(Mr. MANTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern about seven families who are being unjustly targeted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for deportation to the north of Ireland.